

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended): An image recording method comprising the steps of:
 - a) attaching recording paper to an outer peripheral surface of a recording drum;
 - b) attaching an image receiving sheet having an image receiving layer and a substrate, onto a surface of the recording paper to adhere the image receiving layer on a surface of at least a whole of recording region of the recording paper;
 - c) separating the substrate such that only the image receiving layer is transferred onto the recording paper;
 - d) winding a toner sheet, provided as a cut sheet form, onto a surface of the image receiving layer; and
 - e) transferring toner on the toner sheet onto the image receiving layer to record an image thereon in accordance with recording data,wherein all the steps a) through e) are performed on the recording drum,
wherein a cushion layer is provided on a surface of the image receiving layer to face the recording paper and in physical contact with the surface of the recording paper.
- 2.-3. (Cancelled).
4. (Currently Amended): The image recording method ~~as set forth in claim 1,~~
comprising the steps of:
 - a) attaching recording paper to an outer peripheral surface of a recording drum;

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b) attaching an image receiving sheet having an image receiving layer and a substrate, onto a surface of the recording paper to adhere the image receiving layer on a surface of at least a whole of recording region of the recording paper;

c) separating the substrate such that only the image receiving layer is transferred onto the recording paper;

d) winding a toner sheet, provided as a cut sheet form, onto a surface of the image receiving layer; and

e) transferring toner on the toner sheet onto the image receiving layer to record an image thereon in accordance with recording data.

wherein all the steps a) through e) are performed on the recording drum,

wherein the image receiving sheet includes a cushion layer therebeneath, and the image receiving layer is transferred such that the cushion layer is placed between the surface of the recording paper and the receiving layer and in physical contact with the surface of the recording paper.

5. (Previously Presented): The image recording method as set forth in claim 1, wherein a protective layer is formed on an image recorded surface on the recording papers.

6.-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended): An image recording method for recording an image as set forth in any one of claims [[1-2]] 1 and [[4-11]] 4-5, wherein the steps of attaching recording paper, attaching an image receiving sheet, winding a toner sheet, and transferring toner are performed in a single apparatus.

13.-18. (Cancelled).

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19. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the image receiving layer is provided in a form of a cut sheet.

20. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 1, wherein the recording paper is attached to the recording drum by suction.

21. (Previously Presented): The method of claim 19, wherein each of said recording paper, image receiving layer and toner sheet are disposed one atop another along an outer circumferential surface of the recording drum, over at least half of the circumference of the recording drum.

22. (Previously Presented): The image recording method as set forth in claim 1, wherein the steps (d) and e) are repeated without providing any additional image receiving sheet, so that a color image is recorded on the image receiving sheet provided in the step b).